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Attorney General Holder Appoints Chuck Adkins-Blanch as Vice Chairman of the Board of Immigration Appeals

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., has announced the appointment of Chuck Adkins-Blanch as Vice Chairman of the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), effective January 13, 2013.

Mr. Adkins-Blanch received a bachelor of arts degree in 1984 from Grinnell College and a juris doctorate in 1990 from the National Law Center, George Washington University. He has served as a BIA member since 2008. From 2004 to 2008, he served as an immigration judge at the Headquarters Immigration Court and, from 1995 to 2004, Mr. Adkins-Blanch served in EOIR's Office of the General Counsel, as general counsel from 2000 to 2004, as acting general counsel from 1999 to 2000, and as an associate general counsel from 1995 to 1999. From 1990 to 1995, he worked for the BIA as an attorney advisor entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. From 1989 to 1990, he clerked in private practice with the firm of Maggio & Kattar, specializing in immigration and nationality law. Mr. Adkins-Blanch is a member of the District of Columbia and Virginia State Bars.

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